

**Notification to Interested Parties**

We are issuing and publishing these preliminary results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: December 6, 2024.

**Abdelali Elouaradia,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration**

[C–523–816]

**Certain Aluminum Foil From the Sultanate of Oman: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2022**

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to Oman Aluminium Rolling Company SPC, a producer and exporter of certain aluminum foil (aluminum foil) from the Sultanate of Oman (Oman). The period of review (POR) is January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

**DATES:** Applicable December 13, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kristen Johnson, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4793.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

On November 12, 2021, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the countervailing duty (CVD) order on aluminum foil from Oman.<sup>1</sup> On

<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Aluminum Foil from the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Turkey*.

December 29, 2023, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** its initiation of the administrative review of the *Order* for the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, covering Oman Aluminium Rolling Company SPC.<sup>2</sup>

On June 26, 2024, Commerce extended the deadline for issuance of the preliminary results of this review until November 26, 2024.<sup>3</sup> On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.<sup>4</sup> On November 21, 2024, Commerce extended the deadline for issuance of the preliminary results until December 6, 2024.<sup>5</sup>

A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included in the appendix to this notice. For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>6</sup> The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

**Scope of the Order**

The product covered by this *Order* is certain aluminum foil. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

**Methodology**

Commerce is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each of the subsidy programs found

*Countervailing Duty Orders*, 86 FR 62782 (November 12, 2021) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR 90168, 90172 (December 29, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, “Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review, 2022,” dated June 26, 2024.

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum, “Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings,” dated July 22, 2024.

<sup>5</sup> See Memorandum, “Second Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review, 2022,” dated November 21, 2024.

<sup>6</sup> See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review, 2022: Certain Aluminum Foil from the Sultanate of Oman,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

countervailable, we preliminarily determine that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution by an “authority” that confers a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.<sup>7</sup> For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

**Preliminary Results of Review**

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine the net countervailable subsidy rate for the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022 to be:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i> )
Oman Aluminium Rolling Company SPC <sup>8</sup> .....	1.36

**Disclosure and Public Comment**

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations performed for these preliminary results to interested parties within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Interested parties may submit case briefs or other written comments to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.<sup>9</sup> A timeline for the submission of case briefs and written comments will be established at a later date. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline date for filing case briefs.<sup>10</sup> Interested parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this review must submit: (1) a table of contents listing each issue; and (2) a table of authorities.<sup>11</sup>

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), in prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their brief that should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In this review, we

<sup>7</sup> See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

<sup>8</sup> Commerce preliminarily determines that Oman Aluminium Rolling Company SPC is cross-owned with Sohar Paper Cores LLC, Takamul Investment Company LLC, and OQ SAOC.

<sup>9</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii); see also 19 CFR 351.303 for general filing requirements.

<sup>10</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Service Final Rule*).

<sup>11</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

instead request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their briefs a public, executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.<sup>12</sup> Further, we request that interested parties limit their executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final results in this administrative review. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).<sup>13</sup>

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS. Requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case briefs. An electronically filed hearing request must be received successfully in its entirety by Commerce's electronic records system, ACCESS, by 5 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.

#### Assessment Rate

Upon completion of this administrative review, consistent with section 751(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), Commerce shall determine, and CBP shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.

Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review in the **Federal Register**. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (*i.e.*, within 90 days of publication).

#### Cash Deposit Requirements

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, Commerce intends, upon publication of the final results, to instruct CBP to collect cash

deposits of the estimated countervailing duties in the amounts calculated in the final results of this review for the company listed above with regard to shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review. For all non-reviewed firms, CBP will continue to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the all-others rate. These cash deposit instructions, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

#### Final Results of Review

Unless the deadline is extended, Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of Commerce's analysis of the issues raised in the case briefs, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results in the **Federal Register**, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(1).

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This administrative review and notice are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: December 6, 2024.

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#### Appendix

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A–580–919]

#### Certain Epoxy Resins From the Republic of Korea: Amended Preliminary Determination of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is amending its preliminary affirmative determination in the less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation of certain epoxy resins (epoxy resins) from the Republic of

Korea (Korea) to correct for a significant ministerial error. The period of investigation (POI) is April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.

**DATES:** Applicable December 13, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joy Zhang or Laura Delgado, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–1168 or (202) 482–1468, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On November 13, 2024, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** its preliminary affirmative determination in the LTFV investigation of epoxy resins from Korea.<sup>1</sup> On November 18, 2024, a mandatory respondent, Kumho P&B Chemicals (Kumho P&B), timely alleged that Commerce made a significant ministerial error in calculating its estimated weighted-average dumping margin.<sup>2</sup>

##### Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are epoxy resins from Korea. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see the Appendix.

##### Legal Framework

A ministerial error is defined as including “errors in addition, subtraction, or other arithmetic function, clerical error resulting from inaccurate copying, duplication, or the like, and any other similar type of unintentional error which {Commerce} considers ministerial.”<sup>3</sup> A ministerial error is considered to be “significant” if its correction, either singly or in combination with other errors, would result in: (1) a change of at least five absolute percentage points in, but not less than 25 percent of, the weighted-average dumping margin calculated in the preliminary determination; or (2) a difference between a weighted-average dumping margin of zero (or *de minimis*) and a weighted-average dumping

<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Epoxy Resins from the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Preliminary Negative Critical Circumstances Determination, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures*, 89 FR 89605 (November 13, 2024) (*Preliminary Determination*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

<sup>2</sup> See Kumho P&B's Letter, “Kumho P&B's Ministerial Error Allegation,” dated November 18, 2024.

<sup>3</sup> See section 735(e) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act); see also 19 CFR 351.224(f).

<sup>12</sup> We use the term “issue” here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

<sup>13</sup> See *APO and Service Final Rule*.